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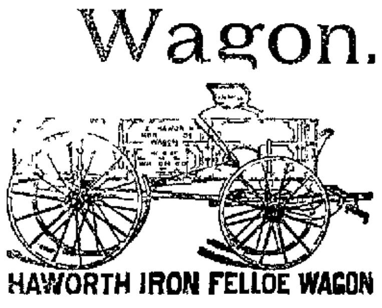

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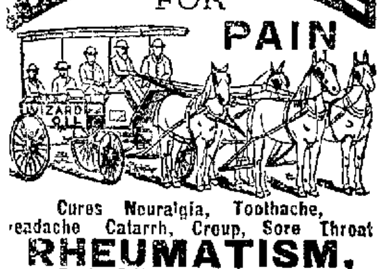

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If you have all, or any considerable number of these symptoms, you are suffering from that most common of American maladies—Bilious Dyspepsia, or Torpid Liver, associated with Dyspepsia, or Indigestion. The more complicated your disease has become, the greater the number and diversity of symptoms. No matter what stage it has reached, **Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery** will subdue it, if taken according to directions for a reasonable length of time. If not cured, complications multiply and Consumption of the Lungs, Skin Diseases, Heart Disease, Rheumatism, Kidney Disease, or other grave maladies are quite liable to set in and, sooner or later, induce a fatal termination.

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Thoroughly cleanse it by using **Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery,** and good digestion, a fair skin, buoyant spirits, vital strength and bodily health will be established.

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which is **Scrofula of the Lungs,** is arrested and cured by this remedy, if taken in the earlier stages of the disease. From its marvelous power over this terribly fatal disease, when first offering this now world-famed remedy to the public, Dr. Pierce thought seriously of calling it his "CONSUMPTION CURE," but abandoned that name as too restrictive for a medicine which, from its wonderful combination of tonic, or strengthening, alterative, or blood-cleansing, anti-bilious, pectoral, and nutritive properties, is unequaled, not only as a remedy for Consumption, but for **all Chronic Diseases** of the

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For Weak Lungs, Spitting of Blood, Shortness of Breath, Chronic Nasal Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma, Severe Coughs, and kindred affections, it is an efficient remedy.

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THE FRIEND OF JAMES G. BLAINE DESCRIBED BY A CORRESPONDENT

Business and Literature Divide His Time—His Fine Physique and His Excellent Health—His Home in New York—His Interests in Deer Park

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—I had occasion recently to visit Stephen B. Elkins, Mr. Blaine's friend. I found him in his private office on the ninth floor of the Washington building skimming over a voluminous correspondence. I called at his house, No. 46 West Fifty-eighth street, in the evening, and was ushered to his library, where I found him reading. In these two visits I saw the bent of his life. Business and literature divide his time.

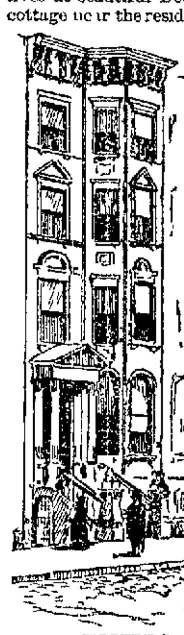
Mr. Elkins cannot be called a methodical man. He has no regular office hours. He is a great organizer, but leaves the details of systematic work to his subordinates. His mind is constantly employed in devising schemes and projecting plans. Lands in New Mexico, silver mines, railroads completed and in process of construction, coal mines and real estate in West Virginia demand in turn his closest attention. In forming an opinion he is remarkably accurate and unwavering.

STEPHEN B. ELKINS.

A project placed in his hands is certain to be speedily passed upon and abandoned or pushed forward as its merits strike him. In this lies the secret of his success. Whatever he touches becomes instinct with life.

Mr. Elkins is a millionaire. Some place his wealth at $3,000,000, others at a larger sum, but so much of his property has a prospective and fluctuating value merely that he himself could scarcely figure it correctly. His domestic life is simple and happy. Fortunate in the possession of superb health and exuberant spirits, he inspires every one around him with good nature. He is a born optimist. In height about six feet four, of fine physique and ruddy, boyish face, one would hardly recognize in the man the Steve Elkins of some much newspaper notoriety. He has been married twice, and has seven children—two daughters by his first wife and four sons and a daughter as the fruits of a second marriage. His second wife, a daughter of ex-Senator Davis, of West Virginia, is a charming and accomplished woman. She was at one time a reigning belle in the highest social circles of Washington, and she still is remarkably beautiful. Her life is devoted to her children, and she is seen but seldom in public places or social gatherings in New York.

During the summer months Mr. Elkins lives at beautiful Deer Park, in a handsome cottage near the residence of his wife's father. The old ex-senator has a high idea of his son-in-law's ability, and enters with enthusiasm into his many schemes to improve West Virginia. Deer Park, in which they are both financially interested, has already become, through Mr. Elkins' efforts, a fashionable summer resort for people living in Baltimore and Washington.



STEPHEN B. ELKINS' HOME

Here he lives a life of comparative ease, spending his days in driving through the beautiful mountainous districts surrounding his home, or in literary pleasures. He is a remarkable reader, memorizing whole passages at a single perusal. From May until November he remains at Deer Park, paying an occasional visit to New York to look after his immense business interests. The winter months he passes in New York. His city house is of plain exterior, but inside every article of furniture and ornament gives evidence of lavish but refined taste. His library upon the second floor contains many rare and valuable books. He is constantly adding new volumes to it, and [illegible] more reads them before they go upon the shelves. There is no need here for a housemaid's duster. The books are not allowed to remain upon the shelves long enough for dust to settle upon them.

Whenever Mr. Blaine comes to New York he visits Mr. Elkins. The friendship between them is warm and of a personal nature.

Few people are aware that Mr. Elkins is a man of large and charitable nature. Few worthy people appeal to him in vain for assistance. When accosted by a tramp upon the street he never brushes the unfortunate aside, but stops and gives something. Mr. Elkins is a member of the Union League and Republican clubs, but rarely [illegible]. He has no taste for the lounging life of a club frequenter. He is a man of affairs. Idleness is antagonistic to his nature. What ever he has in hand calls forth all his energies, whether it be the organization of a railroad or the management of a political campaign. He has no vices. He neither smokes nor drinks, excepting a little wine at table, and so is always in possession of unclouded faculties. He lives inexpensively for a man of his large means, and is rapidly rolling up a fortune to bequeath to his children. Although only 46 years of age almost every one he meets in the country knows him, and wherever he goes he is continually receiving and returning salutations. His memory of faces, and events connected with them is as remarkable as any other of his intellectual gifts.

J. P. RITTER, JR.

Mexico's Compulsory Education Bill

Mexico's compulsory school bill provides for the following course of instruction in the public schools of the federal district and territories: Reading and writing in the Spanish language, moral instruction, principles of arithmetic and geometry, elements of geography, national history, drawing, use of mechanical tools, gymnastics, military exercises for boys and sewing, etc., for girls. Attendance is to be compulsory for ten months in the year between the ages of 6 and 12 years.—Chicago News.

An End to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years, my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well." Electric Bitters are sold at 50 cents a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25 cents per box by John A. Swearingen. a5

We will close the balance of our Seal Caps at actual cost. J. R. RACE & Co. [illegible]19-1w

Does This Catch Your Eye?

We have an obscure idea that it does, but if we are in error kindly give us an indication and if the REPUBLICAN is for sale we will buy the plant and run her wide open to make you aware of the fact that we are offering THE GREATEST BARGAINS IN

RED FLANNEL UNDERWEAR

In the United States.

100 Dozen Undershirts.
100 " Drawers,

All Wool, Soft Finish, Extra Fine Quality, worth $2.00, at ONE-HALF THE PRICE—

$1.00 UNDERSHIRTS.
$1.00 DRAWERS.

Come at once, as these goods will walk away with anything in the Flannel line that sells for more money.

+B. STINE,+

The Boss Clothier.

HEARKEN UNTO MY WORDS

And Be Impressed by My

COMMANDMENTS

I.

Thou shalt have no other place to buy Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods, except CHEAP CHARLEY'S.

II.

Thou shalt not choose unto thyself any other Merchant; thou shalt not bow down to them nor listen to their speeches, for Cheap Charley's Clothing House is a reliable place to trade, capable to serve his customers to the third and fourth generations.

III.

Thou need not seek in vain for stylish Clothing, Furnishing Goods, etc., at the Very Lowest Prices, for they can be found in large quantities at Cheap Charley's.

IV.

Thou shall bear in mind that if any day in the week you will buy a suit of clothes at Cheap Charley's you can rest easy on the seventh.

V.

Thou shalt honor Cheap Charley's One Price Clothing House. May you for many years be dressed in suits thereof.

VI.

Thou shalt not commit an outrage [upon thy] property by purchasing thy Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, etc., elsewhere, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, where thou wilt [get] what thou wantest at Low Prices.

VII.

Thou shalt not seek adultrous strange styles, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal an Overcoat, [for] Cheap Charley sells them so cheap [it] would be a sin.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness, but openly acknowledge that thou canst be better suited at Cheap Charley's for less money than any other Clothing House in the city.

X.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, nor his bargains, but take counsel of this and proceed straightway to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

CHEAP CHARLEY'S

Corner of the Old Square.

BLANKET SALE!

—AT—

+BRADLEY BROS.,+

NEW YORK STORE.

WHITE BLANKETS.

100 Pairs White Blankets at 85c; regular value, $1.
10-4 White Blankets at $1, worth $1.25.
All-wool Western Blankets at $2.98; white only.
Extra Large Fine All-wool Blankets at $3.98.

GRAY BLANKETS.

100 Pairs Full Size Clean Gray Blankets at $1.00 per pair.
Heavy Gray Blankets at $1.40, $2.25 and $3.50.

SCARLET BLANKETS.

One Lot All-wool Scarlet Blankets, $3.50.
Fine All-wool Scarlet Blankets, $4.50.
Extra Large All-wool Scarlet Blankets, $4.95

SPECIAL LOT.

50 Pairs of Extra Large 5½ lbs. All-wool Navy Blue Blankets at $3.98 per pair.

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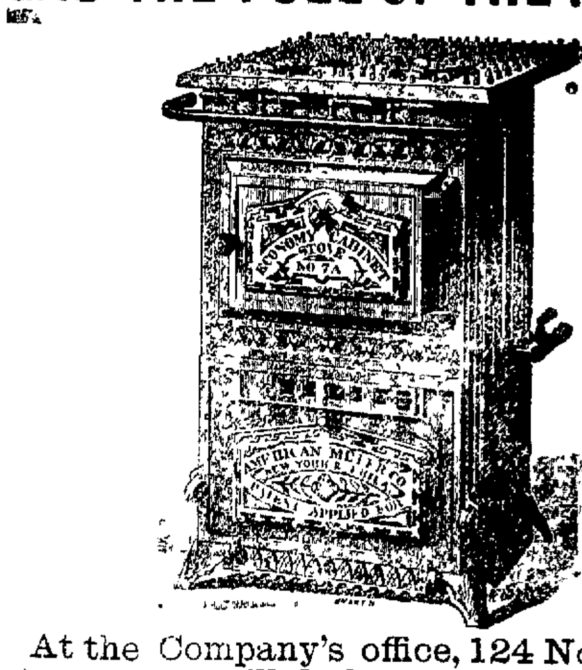

At the Company's office, 124 North Water street, you will find a complete line of GAS COOKING RANGES, which will be sold to our customers at ACTUAL COST.

DECATUR GASLIGHT AND COKE COMPANY.

June 17-dtf

Holiday Excursions

[illegible] usual custom, the Toledo, [illegible] Evansville Railway will sell excursion tickets between all stations on its line at a count of the holidays, at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold December 24, 26 and 31, and January [illegible], good to return until January 3d. [illegible] HOPKINS, General Passenger Agent. [illegible]

MOREHOUSE, WELLS & Co. are constantly receiving new patterns, in Wood, Iron and Slate Mantels, Vestibule and Hearth Tiles, Fine Brass Fenders, Fire Sets, and everything pertaining to this one. No larger or more complete assortment can be found elsewhere. d&w

Children's Cloaks,

A large assortment, in handsome styles, cheap, at LINN & SCRUGGS. law

A FULL line of Boys' and Youth's Patent Leather Slippers just received at Powers & Haworth. d10-dtf

REPAIRING and repainting, general line of vehicle work at the Bluegrass Shop. sp16-dtf

GO TO Cheap Charley's clothing house. d&wtf

SEE the "Home Comfort" Ranges at Morehouse, Wells & Co.'s. daw

ALL kinds of upholstering goods in stock at A. Beer's, Lincoln Square. oct1-d3m

FOR Weather Strips, upholstering and furniture repairing go to A. Beers. Oct1-d3mos

COCHECO Flannel Shirts, in all the latest shades, plaited bosom, perfect in fit, at B. Stine's. dtf

[illegible] Shop will make you low [illegible]

Clothes that Fit.

Why don't you wear clothes that fit? Lay aside those slop shop garments that hang on you like they had been pitched at you, go to Veale, the French cutter from Cork, have your measure taken for a suit, and you will get a fit that will make you feel good until the clothes are worn out. Good fits are guaranteed and the stock of goods he carries is second to none in the city. Store in Ullrich block, 142 E. Prairie St. n26-d1mo

THE Malleable Iron Hollow Ware made by the Home Comfort Range Co., is quite a curiosity. It is like the Ranges—indestructible. Stop at Morehouse, Wells & Co's and see this ware. It cannot be broken. daw

THE Wabash will sell on Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31, and Jan. 1 and 2, good returning including Jan. 3, tickets from Decatur to Kansas City, via Hannibal, at $9.40 for the round trip. See the ticket agents at the depot for further particulars. [illegible]

Underwear

For Ladies and Children, a complete assortment, at lowest prices. daw LINN & SCRUGGS.

CHEAP CHARLEY can and will save you money on anything you buy of him. d&wtf

GET the best oysters, packed fresh every morning, at DIXON & COOPER. oct27-dtf

GO TO The Spencer & Lehman [illegible] Bob Sleds.

A CHILD can buy as well as any man.

[illegible] the "Home [illegible]

DAILY REPUBLICAN.

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

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SATURDAY EVE., DEC. 24, 1887.

Merry Christmas.

The REPUBLICAN will observe Monday as Christmas, and no paper will be issued on that day. "All hands" expect to celebrate the great holiday in an appropriate manner, and unite in wishing that the readers of the REPUBLICAN may have a Merry Christmas.

THE Chicago *Times* of yesterday nominated Senator W. C. Johns, of Decatur for governor of Illinois.

RECEIVER JOHN MCNULTA, of the Wabash, has informed all officers and employes of the road that Monday, December 26th, will be observed as a holiday and so far as practicable work will be suspended, to which end the heads of the several departments will give the necessary orders.

THE Presidential year in politics will also be an interesting one in the Methodist Church. That denomination will elect five bishops in 1888, one for China, one for India, and three for this country and Great Britain. The Ohio man is on hand for this emergency, as usual. Three candidates for these bishoprics are reported from that state alone.

CHICAGO *Times*: The document called "The Mormon Memorial" is a specious argument of hypocrisy and fraud in advocacy of the scheme of the Utah theocracy to evade the National prohibition of the holy harem by the political reorganization of Utah under the state form. Mr. Cal knows perfectly well that that precious document does not represent the views of 200,000 people. Even if it set forth honestly the views of "the Mormon element" the most that honest ignorance could claim it would "fairly present" the views of only 132,297 men, women and children. The rest of the 200,000 population of Utah are "gentiles" so called by the devotees of the holy harem to distinguish them from the self-canonized saints.

THE other day, in New York City, a squad of Anarchists, after attending one of their meetings, entered a saloon and began abusing the country. Their leader exclaimed: "The laws of this country are all wrong, and ought to be changed." A quiet mechanic sitting near by asked him if he was a citizen of this country. "No," he replied; "I would not be a citizen. I have been in this country seven years, and I never took out any papers." "Then," exclaimed the mechanic, "if this country does not suit you, why don't you go back where you came from?" At this the Anarchist squad raised a fight and half killed the American citizen who had simply asked why they stayed here if they did not like it. Of such are the "martyrs," like those hanged in Chicago November 11, who, according to Captain Black, sought only the elevation of their race."

And Why Not?

The Chicago *Times* of yesterday says that Senator Johns, of this city, is one of the gubernatorial possibilities, if not more. Well, why not? He is young, capable, popular, and would make just as good a governor as anybody. His nomination (and election) might serve to check the rising tide of statesmanship that ebbs and flows along the classic shores of McLean county, but even that might not be an unmixed evil, since it would teach the world that it is possible to exist and enjoy a fair amount of happiness, though the hordes of Bloomington statesmen had unanimously retired to private life.

Notes from Blue Mound.

DIED—At Bowen, Hancock county, Ill., Dec. 21, of typhoid pneumonia, Mrs. Mary McLean, aged 69 years.

Deceased was the mother of E. E. Lemon, of this village, with whom she has made her home for the last two years. She left here about two weeks ago to visit a sister in Booneville, Iowa, stopping at Bowen to see her niece, Mrs. Randall, where she took sick and died. Mr. Lemon went to Bowen last Monday, on receipt of a message announcing her illness, and remained with her till she died, and then brought her corpse here for burial, arriving here Thursday evening. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church at 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, Rev C. G. Wood officiating. The remains were interred in Bethel cemetery, 1 mile north of town.

Mr and Mrs. C. D. Holiday went to Decatur Friday to spend the holidays.

O. M. Rose and wife, of Stonington, are here to spend the holidays.

Mrs. E. E. Clements left here Friday to visit her mother and other relatives near Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. A. C. Foster made a business trip to Decatur Friday.

Four or five applications have already been made for the store room lately vacated by C. D. Holiday. This is evidence that the applicants regard Blue Mound as a good place for business.

Grandma Dunn is very low no hopes of her recovery. The other sick ones in this stricken family are reported to be better. X

Blue Mound, Dec. 24.

"I WONDER how it is that Lawrence Barrett always keeps his voice so clear and resonant?" "Why I suppose, like every other sensible man, he keeps a supply of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup."

Rheumatism had had hold of me for two or three years. I tried Salvation Oil; it quickly gave me relief, and I have not had it since. WM. CLARK, Clifton, Baltimore Co., Md.

Pretty Gifts.

W. C. Armstrong at his drug store has been having a rapid sale of his elegant Christmas goods for several weeks, and deservedly so, for the articles are unique and beautiful, embracing plush dressing cases, manicure sets, perfume sets and perfumery in bottles, shaving sets all suitable for ladies and gentlemen. If you want to decide quick and save time and money, call at Armstrong's store for Christmas presents. d5t.

JAMES HOLLINGER has purchased the barber shop in the north end of Central Block, where all old friends and new callers as well will receive a hearty welcome, and get shaving work done in first-class style. Hair cutting a specialty. dec19-d1m

A. F. Ross gives away a sled with every boy's suit of clothes or overcoat purchased at the Star Clothing House. dec1-d1m.

FUR CAPS, Scotch Caps and every kind of caps at the Star Clothing House, 147 N. Water street. dec1-d1m

BEFORE purchasing Christmas presents be sure to call at the Woman's Exchange. 20-d5. 210 South Main st.

SPECIAL SALE of Silk Umbrellas, at J. R. Race & Co.'s. dec19-1w

Jersey Coats at A. F. Ross', 147 ... d[illegible]1m

THE OYSTER WAR.

The Fight Between the "Navy" and the Pirates Renewed.

The Latter Get the Worst of the Battle, and Loose a Schooner to the Enemy.

How the Lawless Oystermen Sometimes Outwit Their More Legitimate Competitors.

BALTIMORE Md., Dec. 24.—The pirates of the Chesapeake bay made things lively for the State Navy again Wednesday night. A fleet of schooners and pungies returned to the scene of Monday's skirmish ready for a fight, but they were ignominiously routed and one of their vessels was seized as a prize and is now in Annapolis harbor.

When the officers of the steamer Governor Hamilton reported having been fired upon, Commodore J. H. Plowman determined to take immediate steps to suppress the lawless oystermen. The Governor Hamilton is built on the model of a gentleman's private yacht, but there are two other steamers in the "Navy" which are fitted out as fighters. These are the Governor Thomas and the Governor McLane, sister ships of seventy-two tons each, which are exceedingly staunch and able to plow the water at the rate of fourteen knots an hour.

Just before dark Wednesday evening, the Governor Hamilton dropped anchor about a mile off Swan Point, the mouth of Chester river, and the scene of Monday night's attack. The moon was out, but its rays were continually obscured by heavy clouds. A fleet of the pirate vessels rode at anchor at a distance of a half mile. Shortly after darkness had settled over the bay, the Thomas glided noiseless past the Hamilton and took up her position in the shelter of the mouth of Chester river. She carried no lights and her approach had not been observed by the oystermen. It was believed that the Hamilton would be again attacked and then the Thomas was to swoop down on her unsuspecting assailants. Commodore Plowman was aboard the Thomas, which carries a crew of twelve men armed with Winchester rifles (repeating). The Hamilton was also well equipped.

Every thing was quiet on the water till nearly midnight. Then the lookout aboard the Hamilton heard the clanking of anchor chains in the vicinity of the oystermen, and a few minutes later the red and green lights of the fleet began to draw near. All hands immediately were roused up and orders were hastily given. The little steamer weighed anchor and her whistle blew two shrill blasts that were responded to by her consort. She headed straight for the approaching lights and they separated. Captain Turner singled out one of them and started in pursuit. There was a strong breeze blowing and the flying schooner crowded on every bit of canvass she could carry, but the Hamilton gradually gained upon her until they were neck and neck and not one hundred yards apart. The captain was ordered to heave to but paid no attention till a volley was fired across her bow. Then he weakened and the Hamilton ran in close to her, covering her pilot with rifles and notified the entire crew that they were under arrest. A line was thrown to her, but she refused to take it and a man had to be placed aboard.

The prize proved to be the schooner Shiloh, Captain Frank Evans, of Baltimore. The bow of the Hamilton was slightly injured in boarding the Shiloh. While the Hamilton had been engaged in the capture, the Thomas was enjoying an exciting chase after two other schooners. They secured the best wind by heading across the bay to the northeast, and when they found that their pursuer was gaining on them, they put out their lights and disappeared. One of them was chased to the mouth of the Gunpowder river, a distance of over ten miles, but she had too good a start and too fair a wind to permit of her being overtaken before she was safe in shallow water. The prize schooner was towed to Annapolis and placed under guard. For the next few days one of the larger steamers of the "Navy" will be stationed at Swan Point nightly, and the pirates are too wise to attempt an attack. The McLane was on duty there Thursday night, and the Hamilton was given an easy berth farther down the bay. The Thomas put into this port late Thursday evening for coal.

The correspondent who had made the trip with her learned some interesting facts from Commodore Plowman. "These pirates," says he, "are a tough lot and want to get all they can lay hands on. They don't believe the Legislature has any right to exempt any of the oyster grounds, and argue that the waters of the State are free to all citizens. The ones we have the most trouble with are from the lower counties. You will find the crew all in partnership with one another, and they divide the spoils share and share alike, except that the captain generally gets a little extra. It reminds one of old Captain Kidd and his crew. The captain is usually a big burly fellow that has shown himself to be the boss man among his followers. You will never see a colored captain, although the crews are about half white and half black. They would not dare to commit the acts they do while they are ashore, but when they are on the bay there is not much chance of their being caught. With a good stiff breeze they will run ten knots an hour, and even if we succeed in overhauling them we can not bring them to without running them down or firing into them. If you throw them a line they won't take, and the only thing to do is to run close alongside and board her. That is the way we take most of our prizes, but it is dangerous and exciting work, as you can see by Thursday night's experience."

In addition to the three steamers mentioned, the 'Navy' has three schooners of thirty-five tons burden each, and eight sloops of about twenty tons. The Chesapeake bay is divided into districts, and the sailing craft are assigned to various points along either shore for police duty. They carry rifles and small cannon, and know how to use them in cases of emergency. The steamers cruise about the waters from place to place, and are always ready to suppress any disorder and enforce the law. Oftentimes a fleet of one hundred oyster boats will come into forbidden waters. The sloop in that quarter will come in among them and they will be afraid to put down their dredges. But they will get the best of the sloop by dividing into two fleets, and while one half goes east the others will go west. The sloop can not follow both, and the ones left to themselves will dredge for oysters. It is amusing to see them work that way and keep whipping about as the sloop goes back and forth between them. You can not catch more than one boat, for on the water it is like trying to catch chickens. They all spread out and you can only run one down."

The oystermen of the Chesapeake bay number nearly twenty-five thousand men. The Maryland navy numbers a hundred and one men, and they have to guard eight hundred square miles of water, which includes tributaries of the bay. Commodore Plowman does not anticipate any further immediate trouble from the pirates, believing he has satisfied them he can give them the worst of the fight.

A General Strike of Employes on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Threatened.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—About five o'clock Thursday evening five shifting crews of the Philadelphia & Reading road were ordered into the round house at Port Richmond by Superintendent Sweigard, owing to their refusal to shift several carloads of flour to the grain elevator at the foot of Williams street. Each of the crews consisted of an engineer, fireman, conductor or three brakemen. The news of their discharge soon spread among other employes of the yard, and the men were not long in ascertaining the reason of their dismissal. It was learned that the crews were members of District Assembly Nos. 7312 and 6288, Knights of Labor, and had refused to move the flour to the elevator because several non-union men were employed there to unload the cars. When this information reached the ears of the union men employed in the elevator, a general strike among them ensued. Word was soon communicated to those Knights who handle ore, etc., under the charge of boss stevedore Morris Boney, and they, nearly three hundred in number, also quit work.

The next place visited in the yard was that where Boss Stevedore Frank Flood, had two hundred and fifty men at work. They stopped work and immediately left the yard, and by six o'clock more than five hundred men were lounging about the corners in the neighborhood. Superintendent Sweigard was notified, and was soon upon the scene of the strike. He positively refused to reinstate the shifting crews, and ordered the striking employes to return to work. This they likewise refused to do, and the men are still out, while a general strike is threatened.

Trouble with the strikers has been expected, and the company requested Director Stokely to furnish police protection. The director acted promptly, and at one o'clock a force of officers numbering over two hundred and fifty men was on the grounds. The police, however, had no occasion to arrest any one.

Engine No. 288, manned by the obnoxious crew, arrived at the scene of the trouble, and at once proceeded to move the boycotted freight.

It is now stated that over one thousand employes on the Short Line from West Falls to the Port Richmond coal wharves, are on a strike. A general strike on all the lines of the Reading railroad is expected to result.

Mr. Taylor, of the firm of Charles M. Taylor's Sons, who represents the Philadelphia Grain Elevator Company, claims that the men whom he had engaged in handling the freight, had been with him since August last, and that he recently raised their wages to forty-one dollars per month. He intends continuing the work with the same force of men.

Deserted by the Fickle Goddess.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—Sylvan Wahlrab, the Hungarian miller, who made money so rapidly in his speculations in grain at the Chamber of Commerce, and who had accumulated a fortune during his three years' sojourn in Milwaukee, estimated at three hundred thousand dollars, up to one year ago, has "succumbed to the inevitable." Mr. Wahlrab has been a heavy loser the past year, his losses being enlarged by the failure of Kershaw & Co., when he dropped a sum of about $60,000. In the past year his losses are thought to amount to the sum he made during the two years previous. He owes $10,000 on 'change. Yesterday morning he notified these parties to close out the deals. Wahlrab came to Milwaukee three years ago, with the intent of starting a flouring mill. He started with a limited amount of capital, but luck seemed to attend him in all his deals. He sold short when the market was high, and was soon carrying lines that surprised the veterans on the floor. It is said that he often had two million bushels of wheat at a time. For two years fortune smiled on him, and he had amassed a good fortune, when the tide turned, and loss followed loss in rapid succession until this morning he was obliged to give up.

Amiable Nina—She Regrets That She Did Not Commit Wholesale Murder.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—Miss Nina Van Zandt is quoted as bitterly regretting that she did not carry out an alleged plan to blow up the jail and release August Spies. In regard to the execution she is further quoted as follows: "The murder of Parsons was the most diabolical of all. Think of it. A man, believing himself innocent, gave himself up to the authorities and is murdered by them. Parsons should have been saved and could have been if his case had been properly managed. It was different with my husband. Nothing could have saved him but one thing, and I was a fool not to do as I intended and should have done—that was to blow up the jail."

"Hush, what are you talking about," said Mrs. Van Zandt, who was present.

"Mother, you talk like a jabbering idiot," said Nina, at which her mother subsided.

The Transfer of the Story Estate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The transfer of the Wilbur F. Story estate, comprising the Chicago *Times* plant and building and the Story mansion to the West-Snowden syndicate, will take place to-day. The legal papers were signed yesterday afternoon by Messrs. West and Snowden and the other parties concerned, and Judge Tuley is expected to enter an order this morning for the receiver of the estate to transfer it to the new proprietors.

Wants to See Some Money in It.

NEW YORK, Dec 24.—Jack Dempsey, in regard to Dominick McCaffrey's reported desire to arrange a fight, says that he is willing to meet McCaffrey if there is any money in it. He don't see what a 190 pound fighter wants to fight a middle weight for, but he is willing if guaranteed something.

A Colored Convict Hanged.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 24.—George Williams, colored, was hanged at half past twelve o'clock yesterday for the murder of a fellow-convict last May. When asked if he had any thing to say, he answered: "I'm ready; let 'er go." The execution took place in the jail yard and was private.

FOREIGN NEWS.

New Dynamite Revelations--Justin McCarthy Contradicted--Reaffirmed by McCarthy.

Churchill's Visit to Russia--The Decorations Scandal--Arrested as a Spy.

The Hanlan-Trickett Match--Summoned to a Consultation With the Czar --Prayers for the Prince.

England.

DYNAMITE REVELATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Extremely important and absolutely fresh "dynamite revelations" are promised by the police next week. In the search for evidence against Millen and Melville the police have discovered, or they claim to have done so at least, that these presumed dynamiters have been known in London under several aliases other than those mentioned in the warrants for their arrest. This discovery has led to the springing of a number of clues which the police claim will result in the apprehension of persons hitherto unsuspected, and the officers are securing the vicinity of King's Bridge, as well as Glasgow and other centers in hopes of bagging Mollen, Melville and their accomplices.

JUSTIN M'CARTHY CONTRADICTED.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord Salisbury flatly denies the assertions of Justin McCarthy concerning the alleged Home-Rule prophesals which the Tory government attempted to bring forward through Lord Carnarvon, who was charged with the duty of making overtures in their behalf to the Parnellite leaders. Lord Salisbury declares that neither he nor any other responsible member of the government ever authorized the proposals, and further asserts that they would have received no countenance from the government had they become the subject of serious discussion among the Nationalist leaders.

REAFFIRMED BY M'CARTHY.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Justin McCarthy writes to the *Daily News* regarding Lord Salisbury's denial of his (McCarthy's) statements at Hull concerning the Tory Home-Rule proposals, maintaining the accuracy of his remarks. Mr. McCarthy declares that he often before quoted Lord Carnarvon's words in reference to the proposals, and that his Lordship had never disclaimed them.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL'S VISIT TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The visit of Lord Randolph Churchill to St. Petersburg continues to confound political sages and others who are usually in a position to obtain information from inspired sources, and many of the latter persons express views on the subject diametrically opposed to those of their fellows. It is morally certain, however, that he has gone on his own hook and that nothing he may say or do will receive sanction here.

THE LIFE GUARDS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The government has decided to increase the strength of the Life Guards by two regiments, drawing from the Dragoons for this purpose.

BARNUM'S NEW MENAGERIE COMING.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The steamship Ludgate Hill left for New York having on board a complete menagerie consigned to Barnum & Bailey for their show, which opens its season at Madison Square Garden, New York, on March 1. The animals, which are splendid specimens, were purchased from Charles Jamreach and others by Starr, the London agent of Barnum. Included in the list are specimens, of genuine man-eaters—the first ever sent to America—and a complete collection of lions, tigers, zebras, tapirs, antelopes, hippottami, iami, baboons, panthers, leopards, and a beautiful pair of brown alpacas, formerly the property of a Scotch lady who used them to draw her carriage in Scotland. This lady, upon hearing of the disastrous fire in Bridgeport, immediately determined to send these superb animals to Barnum's agent, who has lately been the recipient of a number of similar proofs of sympathy with the man who made the fortune of the late Jenny Lind.

France.

THE DECORATIONS SCANDAL.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—M. Daniel Wilson again appeared before the investigation commission yesterday and was examined with reference to a newly discovered decoration scandal at great length. The details of M. Wilson's testimony were not made public, but as a result of his examination three men named Dupreuill, Herbert and Rebaud au were arrested on a charge of having attempted to obtain the decoration of the Legion of Honor through M. Wilson's influence. This quite evident desire of the commission to probe M. Wilson's connection with the scandal is highly commended by the press generally. It is pretty certain that M. Wilson's anxiety to shift the load from his own shoulders to those of any body who may be unable to escape has in no wise abated. When the three men arrested yesterday are arraigned for examination, it may be made clear that they were not nearly so anxious to obtain the decorations as the President's son-in-law was to influence their issuance for a consideration.

ARRESTED AS A SPY.

PARIS, Dec., 24.—A German, traveling through France as a peddler, was arrested at Bethume yesterday, charged with being a spy. The man has already been imprisoned and expelled from France under the same charge.

Australia.

THE HANLAN-TRICKETT MATCH.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says the date fixed for the sculling match between Hanlan and Trickett is May 8. Hanlon has decided to challenge Bubear to two matches to be rowed in England in September for $500 a side.

Russia.

SUMMONED TO A CONSULTATION WITH THE CZAR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The commanders of the military districts of Warsaw, Odessa, Kieff and Charkoff have been summoned to Gatschina for consultation with the Czar.

Germany.

HERR SCHOTT'S GENEROSITY.

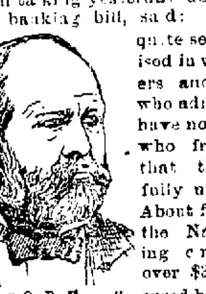
BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Herr Schott, the German tenor, has devoted the money he earned during his engagements in America to the erection of a Lutheran church at Abenberg.

PRAYERS FOR THE PRINCE.

COLOGNE, Dec. 24.—Five thousand persons marched in procession to the shrine of the Virgin at Aix-La-Chapelle to-day and offered prayers for the recovery of the Crown Prince of Prussia.

Senator Farwell's Bill to Perpetuate the National Banking System.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Senator C. B. Farwell, in talking yesterday about his National banking bill, said: "The bill is quite severely criticised in various quarters and by parties who admit that they have not read it, and who freely confess that they do not fully understand it. About five years ago the National banking circulation was over $300,000,000, secured by about $351,000,000 of United States bonds. Now the circulation of National bank notes secured by United States bonds is $165,000,000. The National debt is being rapidly reduced, and as the bonds will soon be paid they are naturally held at a premium. When the bonds are paid our present banking system will be at an end. I ask myself the question is our National banking system worthy of perpetuation? I am forced to answer the question in the affirmative. I consider it the most thorough, complete and faultless system ever devised by man. Having shown that the system must soon expire unless something is done to save it, and firmly believing that its perpetuation is of vital importance to the prosperity and commercial dignity of the country, I am brought to the question 'how shall it be done?' I have been able to obtain approximate figures as to the debts of the States, including that of Virginia, whose bonds I would not accept at any price, and find the total State indebtedness is about $200,000,000. This is not sufficient as a foundation for our National banking system, so I thought of adding to it the municipal indebtedness of the chief cities of the country—cities like Chicago, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, etc. The aggregate bonded indebtedness of these I have no means of knowing at the present time. I would add to them the bonds of the railroads. The substitution of these securities for Government bonds is to my mind, the application of plain and practical business principles in a matter of National importance — only there must be thrown around this proposed system the Secretary of the Treasury, the Treasurer of the United States and the Comptroler of the Currency, a commission, or committee, to whom all bonds must be referred. I would provide that the bonds of no State, city or railroad that has ever defaulted in interest be accepted, that all of the bonds shall be worth par in the market, and that they be accepted at seventy-five per cent. for the State and municipal and fifty per cent. for the railroad. Based upon this security, our present splendid National banking system would be as safe as it is now and its existence would be perpetuated."



Senator C. B. Farwell.

The Defaulting Bank Teller Frank C. McNeally Arrested.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—Frank C. McNeally, formerly teller of the Saco and Biddeford Savings banks, was arrested here yesterday for the theft of $185,000 in bonds and $3,500 in cash from that institution. McNeally's brother came here a week ago and registered as Charles Cooper, from Boston. It is said he met Frank on his arrival and got possession of the stolen bonds and returned to the States with them. The brother has not been seen here since Monday morning. McNeally asked to have Counsel-General Phelan notified of his arrest. Shortly afterwards Mr. Phelan arrived and advised McNeally not to talk about his arrest. Mr. Phelan took charge of his effects at the hotel. Among them were two lady's watches, one gold, the other silver, with chains attached, and two heavy gold rings that had evidently contained magnificent diamonds, but the stones had been removed; also a crescent-shaped gold breastpin encrusted with diamonds and portraits of the English royal family. There were telegrams in cipher, but neither the addresses, signatures nor contents were intelligible. It is said that McNeally received a telegram from his brother yesterday, but no trace of it can be found.

Got an Elephant.

SACO, Me., Dec. 24.—The Halifax (N. S.) authorities have telegraphed that they can not hold McNeally, the young Saco bank defaulter, unless authorized from here. The bank officials had a meeting yesterday afternoon, but were undecided what to do, as they do not believe that McNeally can be legally brought back.

Will Withdraw Pending Investigation of Charges.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 24.—A special from Winnipeg says: "It was announced positively to-day that Mr. Norquay, owing to the charges made against him, has decided to withdraw from the Premiership, for the present, at least, allowing Mr. Harrison to take charge. At the meeting of the House, Mr. Norquay will move the appointment of a royal commission to examine into the charges made against him.

"Mr. LaRiviere will also resign his seat in the Cabinet, but for the present will retain his seat in the House. His Cabinet position will not be filled just yet. An effort will be made to carry on a straight Conservative government, the Reformers refusing absolutely to make a coalition.

A latter dispatch says: "It is rumored to-night that Ministers Hamilton, Harrison and Wilson resigned on Monday last. A government caucus was held yesterday at which there was considerable wrangling, and another meeting was held last night. What decision was arrived at by the Cabinet has not yet transpired, but Dr. Harrison says he will be premeir, or nothing. The official notifications have been served upon the members for the meeting of the Legislature on the 12th of January. Mr. LaRiviere arrived home yesterday and was present at the caucus."

A Mysterious Find.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In a freight car which arrived at Jersey City over the Erie railway from St. Louis Thursday night were found two dress skirts covered with blood stains and a substance resembling human brains. A slung-shot, also blood-stained, was found beside the skirts. The articles were found at the bottom of a load of bales of cotton. The St. Louis police have been notified.

Railroad Shops Burned.

OIL CITY, Pa., 23.—The Western Pennsylvania & New York Railroad shops were burned at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Seven locomotives were partially destroyed. Loss $160,000.

Didn't Pick Up the Big Raft.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The steamer Bavarian, from Liverpool, arrived yesterday. The report that she had picked up the big raft is unfounded.

AT THE PARK MARKET.

Young Bros.' Big Display of Christmas Beef and Game.

There is no more popular meat market in Decatur, among its regular customers, than that of Young Bros., northeast corner of the Park, and the many friends of the place were delighted this morning to see it decked out in holiday attire, and with such a display as could not but gratify the eye as well as tickle the palate. The meats exposed include the very best of Short Horn beef, fat enough to make it juicy and tender, but not fat enough to make it greasy, veal that looks tender enough to melt in the mouth, lambs that remind one of the season of green peas, while to add to the variety there are dressed venison, and deer carcasses still in all the glory of horns and hide, wild turkeys, dressed geese, and, as if laughing at the jolly company they are in, there are whole pigs, dressed in all sorts of fancy toggery, calves and ox heads shaved cleaner than the average barber ever scrapes his human victim, while all around are cured meats, Wiener wurst, liver puddings, monster bologna sausage, cans of lard, smoked hams, tongues, and the myriad of other toothsome edibles which accomplished butchers like Young Bros. know so well how to fix up. The decorations are in keeping with the season, and include evergreens, green holly vines and flowers, and the whole is not only designed with great taste but executed with much skill.

Although the meats were only displayed this morning the orders from customers were rushing long before 10 o'clock, and boxes were being packed and sent off by express to Columbus, O., to different points in Pennsylvania, and elsewhere. The fame of this elegant establishment is spreading, and well it may, for no house in the city pays more attention to its customers' wants, or fills its orders with greater intelligence and skill.

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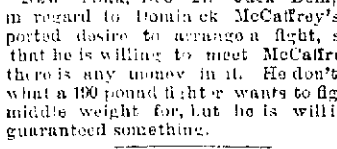

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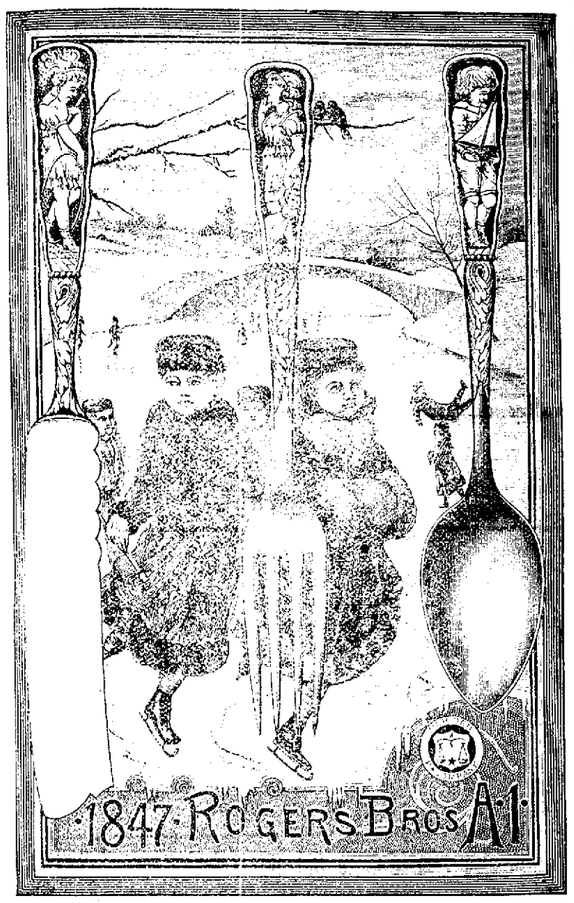

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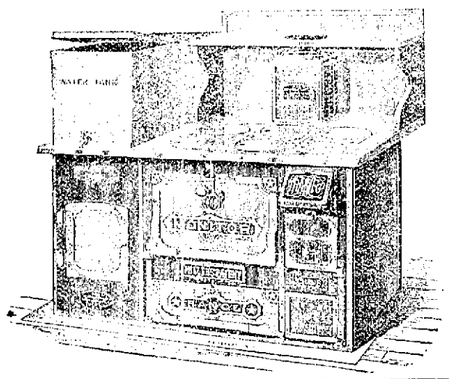

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SATURDAY EVE., DEC. 24, 1887.

LOCAL NEWS.

FOR dinner and tea sets, go to E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

NO PAPER on Monday.

A MERRY Christmas to all.

THE banks and most of the business houses will be closed Monday—the Christmas holiday.

PRESENT your friend or some poor family with a Round Oak stove. Lytle & Eckels have these heaters for sale.

TELEPHONE to Niedermeyer. He will give you reliable family groceries.

ALWAYS remember that Dustman & Meyer will give you a bargain in easy chairs, rockers and home ornaments.

THERE will be a concert of little children and a Christmas tree at the Antioch Baptist church on Cemetery street this evening, and old Santa Claus will meet the children there.

DRESSED turkeys and poultry at Moore Bros.' grocery store, in opera block.

NEWS has reached Decatur friends that at London, England, on Dec. 7, there was born to Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Gregory, a daughter.

USE Shellabarger & Co's White Loaf flour. None better in Decatur.

FRESH celery, oysters, and turkeys at Knode & Osborne's popular grocery store.

BUY anything you want for the table at Hanks & Patterson's favorite grocery store on South Water street.

THE county offices will not be open for the transaction of business on Monday, December 26, or Monday, January 2.

THE family favorite flour is White Foam made by Hatfield & Co.

Prof. T. C. Clendennin and daughter, of Cairo, are in the city on a brief visit.

John Scott, of Decatur, has just been granted a pension.

FRANK MAYO and his company will appear in the great play, "Nordeck," Friday night, Dec. 30.

DON'T forget the Nilsson concert at the opera house next Thursday night.

THE esthetic concert in addition to the Nilsson concert, Thursday night.

THERE will be no charity ball this winter.

THE great romantic drama, "Unknown" will be the attraction Monday night, with Nellie Boyd as the star.

SELECT oysters and premium cheese at J. Lytle & Co's store.

BUYERS are paying 50 cents for corn at Mt. Zion; $5.20 for hogs.

MEMBERS of the 41st Illinois veteran association can get cabinet photos of Col. I. C. Pugh and Lieut. Col. John H. Nale by addressing the secretary, E. T. Leo, at Cerro Gordo, Ill.

THE 27th birthday of Lewis Henry was celebrated in Mt. Zion township on Friday. About 50 people partook of a big dinner.

GO TO Harry Snarr's for the largest line of candies, fruits and nuts in the city. 22-d3

MONDAY evening, Dec. 26, see the great play, "Unknown," at the opera house. Special scenery and a strong company.

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DON'T fail to see Mr. Frank Cotten as *Christopher Blizzard* in that funny comedy entitled "Confusion," or Hug the Baby.

ALL of the Decatur Banks will be closed on Monday after Christmas and Monday after New Year's Day. Make a note of this. 20-d10

THERE will be a special service by Rev. W. S. Potter, evangelist, at Stapp's Chapel Sunday night at 7 for *railroad and business men*, to which everybody is invited.

AMONG other things proposed by the new charity organization is an invitation to the pastors of the city to preach a sermon on "Pauperism and its Remedies" on Sunday, January 8.

A SMALL sized audience saw the Gotthold Uncle Tom show last night. Little Eva was a wonder in her role. The balance of the company was of the average grade.

THE Presbyterian Mission Sunday school will occupy their new and permanent quarters, corner of College and Packard streets, to-morrow.

THE Illinois Tilemakers' Association will hold a meeting in the senate chamber of the state house January 17 and 18. The programme has just been issued. Governor Oglesby will deliver the address of welcome.

NOTHING nicer for a Christmas present than one of those celebrated *Washburn* and *Conservatory Guitars, Banjos, Violins, Mandolins, Zithers* and *Autoharps* at Prescott's.

A LARGE line of confectioners' sugar, nuts, figs and dates for making candies at Harry Snarr's. 22-d3

In Addition

To our already unparalleled stock of Silk Handkerchiefs, Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk and Wool Mufflers, we will put on sale Monday morning a large line of importers' samples, bought at 50 cents on the dollar. The line consists of about 50 dozen, no two alike, and ranging in price from 3c to $1.25. The greatest opportunity for Holiday purchases ever offered. Come and get them quick—first choice always the best.

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CHURCH FESTIVITIES.

Christmas Treats and Music for the Children.

The bright and happy children who have been faithful in their attendance at the various Sunday schools of the city are to be remembered to-day, to-morrow and Monday by special exercises and gifts. The little ones always look forward to the Christmas festivities with delight and all will be out in full force to see old Santa and the illuminated trees.

Christmas doings at Sargent Chapel to-night, beginning at 7 o'clock; prayer, scriptural reading, singing and speaking by the children and distribution of gifts by Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

A musical programme has been prepared for both the services at the Baptist church on Sunday. A choir of eight voices, assisted by the opera house orchestra and the organ, will furnish, in addition to the usual features, the following programme:

MORNING.

Voluntary by Organ and Orchestra—Andante Religioso ..... *Verdi*
Anthem—"In the Beginning was the Word." ..... *Dooks*
Anthem—"Holy Night," ..... *A. Adam*
Organ and Orchestra—"In Heaven there is Rest." ..... *F. Beyer*
Postlude ..... *Mendelssohn*

EVENING.

Voluntary, Organ and Orchestra—Resignation ..... *Geo. Kopplitz*
Anthem—"Bright Angels on the Wing" .....
Anthem—"Glory Be to God." ..... *E. Cranmer*
Organ and Orchestra—"Ave Maria," ..... *Lindl*
Postlude ..... *Lohengrin*

The pastor, Rev. Dr. G. B. Vosburgh, will preach at both services as usual.

There will be a Christmas pyramid of gifts for the children at the United Brethren church to-night, and recitations and music.

At the German Methodist Church Monday evening at 7 o'clock there will be a tree 15 feet high for the children. Gifts will be distributed. Music and recitations.

The German Lutheran children will have their tree treat this evening, with music and recitations.

A special Christmas service will be held in the upper room at the First M. E. Church Sunday afternoon and Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, gifts to the members of the Sabbath School will be distributed.

There will be no gifts for the children at the Presbyterian Church this year. However, at the usual time Sunday afternoon, the school will engage in a musical and literary program, and all children will bring an offering for the poor, the committee to distribute the gifts.

In the audience room at Stapp's Chapel at 7 o'clock to-night there will be a Christmas tree for the Sabbath School children. Candies and oranges will be distributed by a real Santa Claus. Recitations and music by both old and young.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's Church at 5, 7 and 10:45 a. m. on Sunday, closing with a musical festival at 7 p. m.. It will be a Christmas operetta. The Sunday School will be given a holiday party and supper one evening next week.

There will be a Christmas Arch at the Church of God Monday—presents for the little folks.

At Janes' Chapel the members of the Sabbath School will have their Christmas treat to-night—a big tree blooming with light and beauty.

There will be a Christmas cantata and presents for the children at the Christian church Monday evening.

Sunday at noon there will be a Christmas treat at the Universalist church.

THE Savings Fund Building Association, which is six years old, has loaned $17,100, and has a surplus of $19,882.34; number of shares in force Nov. 1st, 1,996; number of shares borrowed on Nov. 1st, 576; number of shares not borrowed on Nov. 1st, 1,420. The president is Joseph Mills; vice president, H. W. Bartholomew; secretary and treasurer, B. K. Durfee. The directors include B. O. McReynolds, H. A. Wood, R. J. Simpson, W. C. Outton and H. E. Foster.

HERE'S a good one: An exchange says a practical revivalist, preaching out west, requested all the congregation that paid their debts to rise. The rising was general. After they had taken their seats a call was made for those who didn't pay their debts and one poor, solitary individual arose who explained that he was a country editor and could not because the rest of the congregation owed him on subscription.

JUSTICE CURTIS married a couple in his office yesterday afternoon who saw each other but a short time before their marriage. They were Harry Ward, of Mt. Zion, and Mrs. Lizzie Gibbs, of Orwell, Vermont. The courtship was carried on by correspondence.

LEWIS HOUCK, of Harristown, was in Decatur to-day with a curiosity in his pocket. It is a petrified pony hoof, found in a well four feet deep. It is almost perfect in form and has every appearance of a hoof.

Episcopal Visitation.

Bishop Seymour will be present at Grace Mission on Wednesday, Dec. 28th. In the morning he will consecrate a communion service, and in the evening will deliver an address before the Girls' Friendly Society.

It is Settled.

Mrs. M. B. Woodworth, the faith cure evangelist, is to begin a series of meetings at Warrensburg on next Monday night.

A TOILET luxury in every respect, Ayer's Hair Vigor never fails to restore the youthful freshness and color to faded and gray hair. It also eradicates dandruff and prevents the hair from falling.

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Ottomans and Blacking Cases.

Bachman Bros. have just received a fine line of Ottomans and Blacking Cases which they offer at 50c, 75c, $1.00 and upwards. d14d10t

RESERVED SEATS are now on sale for the grand opening matinee Monday, Christmas afternoon, of Music Hall, by the celebrated Fuller Sisters' Comedy Co.

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BIG CUT in prices on Silk Umbrellas, Fine Mufflers and Handkerchiefs, at J. R. Race & Co.'s. dec19-1w

REAL bargains in *Overcoats* at the Star Clothing House. dec1-d1m

She Left Decatur.

Ettie Wilson, aged 28 years, a young colored woman whose home is at Edwardsville, and until a year or two ago was a servant in Dr. Walston's family, caused some excitement in Decatur yesterday. She had been stopping at 712 West Decatur street with a colored family, and was taken ill with small-pox symptoms. Dr. Walston paid her two visits, the last one yesterday morning, when he told her he thought she had the small-pox, and also notified her that he would have the board of health visit her. During the afternoon Drs. Ira N. Barnes and Cass Chenoweth, of the board of health, called at the house, but the patient had flown. She was taken to the depot in a carriage and left for Edwardsville on the afternoon train. She had told the people at the house that she did not want any board of health business about her, and instantly she took a notion to leave town and did so. Mayor Kanan telegraphed the Edwardsville authorities of the supposed condition of Miss Wilson. The people there will be on their guard. There was no great danger of the people at the depot or those on the train becoming inoculated by contact with the woman, as the disease is not easily communicated in its first stages.

Charity Mass Meeting.

J. R. Gorin presided at the benevolent meeting held in the Gallagher Block, Friday afternoon, and Mrs. H. C. Johns attended to the duties of secretary. Delegates were present from the Grand Army Post, Women's Relief Corps, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Young Men's Christian Association, Odd Fellows, Daughters of Rebekah, Sons of Temperance, Relief Society, Woman's Club, Board of Supervisors, English Lutheran, Christian, First M. E. and Universalist churches and four branches of the Christian Endeavor Society. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, and a constitution of the proposed charitable organization, is outlined in these column Thursday was presented and adopted. It was voted that a mass meeting of citizens be held in the Gallagher Block, Thursday, Jan 12 at 2 p. m. to perfect the organization. Mr. Gorin and Mrs. Johns will issue the call.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Hattie Bury has returned from Canada.

Gus Ahrens has come down from Chicago to spend Christmas.

J. A. Northcutt and W. D. Hammer, of Blue Mound, were in the city last night.

W. E. Dockson and wife, of Kansas City, are at the New Deming. Mr. D. was formerly a decorative painter in Decatur.

Geo. W. Manley, cashier at the American Express office, will soon leave with his family for Omaha, where a more lucrative position is offered him.

Charles H. Fuller, of the United States pension department, has been in the city several days visiting his family. He will remain here until after Christmas.

Mr. Wm. Clendenen, of Lanesville, and Miss Anna Harbert will be united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents near Illiopolis on Sunday, 25th.

Miss Alma Zinn and Mr. Carl Evans were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents in Cerro Gordo on Thursday morning.

Judge and Mrs. N. C. McFarland, of Topeka, Kansas, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Millikin. The Judge is a brother-in-law of Mr. Millikin, and was land commissioner under President Garfield. He will remain here two or three weeks.

Lewis A. Hodges and Miss Minnie James, of Argenta, W. H. Harris, of Blue Mound, and Miss Mary Mitchell, of Wheatland, Willis Heman and Miss Martha Lourash, of Long Creek, and Alfred C. Simmons, of Moweaqua, and Miss Margaret C. Priest, of Vandalia, have been granted marriage licenses.

PHYSICIANS prescribe Ayer's Sarsaparilla in cases of scrofula, and in any form of chronic disease, because this medicine is safer to take, and is more highly concentrated, than any other preparation. It can always be depended upon as an effective blood purifier.

BEEF AND BEAR.

Go and See Them at the Merchant Street Shop.

Danzeisen & Son, the popular Merchant street butchers, do not propose to be behind their competitors in their offering of Christmas meats to the public. For the holidays they have slaughtered two Herefords and two short-horns, giving their patrons a chance to judge for themselves the relative merits of these two rival breeds. All are first-class animals, fatted especially for holiday use, and as the carcasses lie upon the blocks they look so handsome and tempting that no one but a professional can tell which is to be preferred—whether the white-looking fat which streaks the meat of the Hereford, or the rich, golden, buttery marbleized flesh of the glorious short-horn. Either is good enough for the table of a king, and the man who dines upon a roast from the loin of either may congratulate himself upon having such a feast as Epicurus himself might envy.

Besides these choice animals, which are as fine as any ever slaughtered in Decatur, Danzeisen & Son have upon their blocks a very choice bear, which will serve to bring back to the old settler memories of the far away days when "b'ar meat" was about as common as pork is to-day. In addition they have the usual display of mutton, veal, pork, sausage, and the scores of toothsome things which the competent butcher knows how to concoct, and in this regard none can excel Danzeisen & Son, who are as thorough masters of the business as can be found anywhere. Go and see their display; it is tastefully shown, besides being in itself as near perfection as it is possible to get. 22-d3

"Unknown."

This romantic drama will be given Monday night by the Nellie Boyd company, with a show of special scenery. It will be the Christmas treat. Said the *N. Y. Advertiser:*

The Globe Theatre was densely packed last evening with an appreciative audience assembled to witness Nellie Boyd's play of "Unknown." The presentation of New York bay at night, with a return pleasure boat, was well put on the stage.

Popular prices of admission—75, 50 and 25 cents.

SWEETHEARTS and wives will want to hear the charming Fuller Sisters sing their beautiful nautical ballad, "My Sailor Boy is Home Again."

Go to the Spencer & Lehman Co. for the Marseilles Steam and Power Corn Sheller, Hand Corn Shellers, power and hand Feed Cutters, corn and cob Crushers. Nov 9-d&w

The Poultry Club Awards.

Judge Pierce has finished passing judgment on the poultry exhibited at the Poultry Club show, but the secretary and his assistants have not completed the awards.

WYANDOTTES.

Brown & Simpson, Decatur: Cock, 2d, 88½.
E. F. Young, Decatur: Cock, 3d, 88. Hen, 1st, 91½; 3d, 90½. Pullet, 1st, 94; 4th, 93. Breeding pen, 2d, 90 1-10.
W. A. Hinkle, Forsyth: Cock, 4th, 86 1-20. Cockerel, 3d, 90 1-20. Hen, 2d, 90½. Breeding pen, 4th, 89 9-10.
Illiopolis Poultry Association: Cockerel, 1st, 91½; 2d, 90½. Breeding pen, 3d, 90 19-20.
Bert Meriweather, Decatur: Cockerel, 4th, 90½. Pullet, 3d, 93. Breeding pen, 1st, 91 3-10.
W. F. Jacobs, Oreana: Hen, 4th, 90.
George Craig, Forsyth: Pullet, 2d, 93½.

B. B. R. GAMES.

Henry J. Blenz, Decatur: Cock, 1st, 93. Cockerel, 3d, 89½. Hen, 1st, 95½; 2d, 93. Breeding pen, 1st, 93 11-20.
Cattle Freeman, Decatur: Cock, 2d, 90½.
E. E. Bast, Lake View: Cockerel, 1st, 90; 2d, 88. Pullet, 4th, 91½.

WHITE LEGHORNS.

Charles E. Ricketts, Decatur: Cockerel, 1st, 93. Pullet, 1st, 94; 2d, 93; 3d, 92½; 4th, 92. Breeding pen, 1st, 92¾.

PEARLED GOLDEN POLISH.

C. D. Meckhoff, Decatur: Cockerel, 2d, 88. Hen, 3d, 85. Pullet, 1st, 91½; 2d, 89; 3d, 89; 4th, 87. Breeding pen, 2d, 88 3-20.

HOUDANS.

Dr. J. C. Hall, Forsyth: Cock, 1st, 90. Hen, 1st, 90½; 2d, 91½; 3d, 87½.

COLORED DORKINGS.

Emil F. Young, Decatur: Cockerel, 2d, 88¾. Pullet, 1st, 91; 2d, 91; 3d, 90; 4th, 88½. Breeding pen, 88 7-10.

BROWN LEGHORNS.

Dr. R. E. Henshie, Hillshore: Cock, 1st, 96. Hen, 1st, 93½; 2d, 93; 3d, 92½; 4th, 92. Pullet, 3d, 94. Breeding pen, 1st, 92 3-10; 3d, 91 1-5.
Hockaday & McKay, Emery: Cockerel, 1st, 93½.
J. S. Carter, Hammond: Cockerel, 2d, 93.
Dr. J. C. Hall, Forsyth: Cockerel, 3d, 92½. Breeding pen, tie for second, 91 17-20.
Henry Boston, Decatur: Cockerel, 4th, 92. Breeding pen, tie for second, 91 17-20.

THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

STAPP'S CHAPEL, M. E.

G. E. Seringer, pastor. Class at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor—a Christmas sermon. Evangelist Potter will preach a sermon to railroad and business men at 7:30. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Mission Sunday school, corner N. Broadway and Herkimer Sts., at 9 a. m. All are cordially invited.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Class at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 A. M.; subject, "Time as a Factor in Redemption," and at 7 P. M.; subject, "A Woman's Courage, or Home Against Empire." Music and sermons appropriate to the day.

CHURCH OF GOD.

Jay C. Fornerook, pastor. No services in the morning. Service in the evening. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Welcome to all.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Subject of the morning sermon appropriate to Christmas. In the evening the theme of discourse will be "The Daughter," being the fourth of the series on Womanhood. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Mission Sunday school at 2 p. m., corner of College and Packard streets. Prayer meeting at same place Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Vosburgh, pastor, preaches at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject: "Answered Prayers." Evening: "A Christmas Sermon." The public is cordially invited. Special services in the Sunday school at 9 a. m., E. A. Gastman, Supt.

JANES' CHAPEL.

Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by Henry Lunn. Preaching at 7 p. m. by J. T. Finley. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

U. B. CENTENARY CHURCH.

Usual services to-morrow morning and evening. Preaching by Elder Field. Sacramental services at 11:45 a. m. Sabbath school at p. m. J. W. Bogress, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Preaching by the pastor, T. W. Pinkerton, at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "A Child is Born." Evening, "Falling on a Rock." Sunday school at 2 p. m. All are cordially invited.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Rev. Sophie Gibb pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Christmas Thoughts." Evening, "The Tendencies of Civilization and Religion." Sunday school at noon, to be followed by a Christmas treat.

Michael Strogoff's Great Record.

Michael Strogoff has a record unequalled by any similar play known in dramatic history. No drama was ever so universally endorsed in so many different countries. It was originally produced in the French language at the Theatre du Chatelet, Paris, and ran there continuously for 700 performances—nearly two years. In the meantime a translation of the great play was made into the English language, and this was produced at the famous Adelphi Theatre, London. Here it ran steadily for nearly one year. Then the late Samuel Colville, J. H. Haverly and Eugene Tompkins bought the English version for America. Colville made money with it and so did Haverly. Recognizing the great strength of the play, the strong hold it had upon the masses of the people, and the great possibilities for spectacular display, Mr. Charles L. Andrews purchased the piece and all its American rights. It will thus be seen that Manager Andrews has the original and only authorized version of this truly grand Russian drama. This is the third season of the play in this country under his management. The play will be given at the opera house next Wednesday evening. It is a great spectacular piece.

Sales of Real Estate.

Gilbert Howell to Philip Humbrecht, lot 15 in the west half of the southwest quarter of 14, 16, 2, Decatur township, $1,000.

A. S. Crowder and I. M. Cornthwait to Henry Smith, lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 5, in Crowder & Cornthwait's addition to Decatur, $1,000.

Henry Smith to W. W. Beaty, half interest in above lots, $500.

David P. Landis to John Vulgamott, 80 acres in 20, 17, 4, Oakley township, $4,000.

DIED.

Of hemorrhage of the lungs, at the family residence, No. 1104 East William street, on Friday, December 23d, 1887, Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Meister, aged 19 years, 1 month and 10 days.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock p. m. to-morrow, Rev. Geo. B. Vosburgh officiating.

Of bilious fever, at the family residence on East Sangamon street, at 2:30 p. m. on Friday, December 23d, Evon Thomas, aged 70 years and 2 months.

Attention Knights Templar.

Special conclave of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, K. T., Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock sharp, for work. A prompt and full attendance requested by

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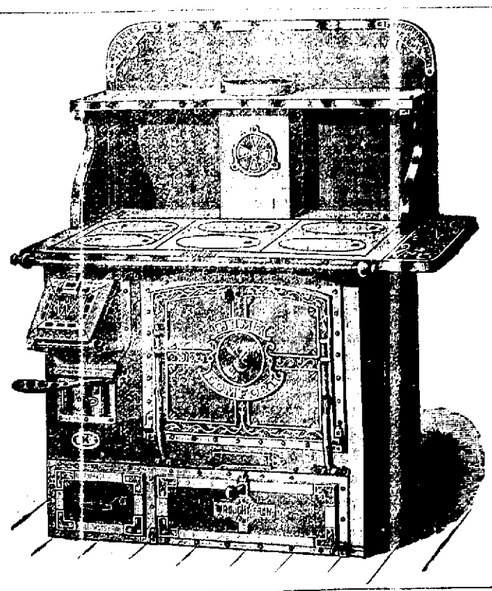

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IT STILL DEALS LARGELY WITH THE EXECUTED ANARCHISTS.

Some Conclusions Arrived at by Walter Wellman—Results of Interviews with Capt. Black, Mr. Grinnell and Others. Some Interesting Statements Made.

[Special Correspondence.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Though several weeks have passed since the five Anarchists perished in the jail, Chicago people are not yet tired talking of that celebrated case. Time enough has now elapsed to allow public opinion to settle into the even tenor of its way, and it is as apparent now as it ever was that the voice of the people was for the blood of the malefactors. Much, though not universal, satisfaction is expressed at the execution of the sentence, and every man is congratulating his neighbor on the disappearance of Anarchy from the community. And the best of it all is that these congratulations are well founded. Nothing could be more certain than that Anarchy—organized Anarchy—is one of the things of the past in this city. The fact is, there never were any Anarchists in this city whose pernicious activity could not have been cut short by a score or two of workhouse sentences judiciously distributed. Hanging would never have been necessary if the milder remedy had been applied in good season. Mr. Brayton, who was one of the jurors in the Anarchist case, tells me that he took the trouble, a few weeks ago, to go to police headquarters and make inquiry concerning the Anarchist party in Chicago and its strength. Mr. Brayton, as a prudent man of family, wanted to know if there was any real danger to be apprehended on hanging day. He was informed that there is not now, and has not been for a year and a half, any organized anarchy in the city, and that the Anarchist party never numbered to exceed 300 men, of whom not two score had sufficient courage, physical or moral, to render them at all dangerous to society or even to such individuals as might incur their displeasure. It may well be doubted if there were half a dozen genuine, nervy dynamitards in the lot. They were chiefly a beer party. Spies, their nominal leader, was a pleasure seeker rather than a blood letter, and, though somewhat of an Anarchist by trade, was insincere of belief and harmless of purpose. Spies was the editor of The Arbeiter Zeitung. "If I do not take the lead in this matter and make some money out of it," he once said to a friend, a newspaper man like himself, "some one else will. I may as well do it as any one." Spies cared nothing for Anarchy or dynamite, and after he had gotten into the scrape it was his intention, so his nominal mother-in-law, Mrs. Van Zandt, told me the other day, to go at once to Europe, in case he ever got out, and act as correspondent for American papers. Little Lingg was the one dangerous man in the lot. Now that it is all over, one cannot help thinking what a lot of terrible things we have had and what a lot of fear and trembling we have indulged in over a very trifling affair.

This much now appears plainer than it ever did before. It is as well settled as anything of the sort can be that not one of the men who were executed knew who threw that bomb at the Haymarket. I had a long talk a day or two since with Capt. Black, the chief counsel for the Anarchists, and a man whose truthfulness and humanity have won for him a high place in the estimation of the people of Chicago. Mr. Black, who is a brother of Gen. Black, the commissioner of pensions at Washington, is a man whose absolute veracity and good faith no one who knows him would ever call into question. Mr. Black declared to me with all the emphasis of which his eloquent voice is capable that he believes now as firmly as he ever did that his late clients were innocent of any intent to take human life, and of any participation in the act by which life was sacrificed that night. Capt. Black says he knows—not simply that he believes, but that he knows—that the man who threw the bomb was an entire stranger to the men executed in Cook county jail. If Capt. Black had learned in the privacy of his relations with these men as their lawyer that they did know the bomb thrower, he might and indeed certainly would conceal that fact, but he would not volunteer the declaration which appears above. Mr. Black thinks the bomb thrower was not a Chicago man at all, and that his act was performed entirely on his own responsibility, without even a consultation with any one of the executed men. Mr. Black believes the man who threw the bomb is now in New York city, and says that were he the public prosecutor an effort would be made to bring that man to justice.

Being somewhat impressed by the captain's statement, I called on State's Attorney Grinnell, the public prosecutor, and asked him about the bomb thrower. "Of course the Anarchists and the bomb thrower were connected," he declared; "I do not mean to say that the executed men personally knew the man who threw the bomb, nor that he knew them or any one of them, but it is quite clear, as was brought out in the trial, that whoever threw the bomb was led to do so by the advice, teachings and plans of the men who were hanged in the jail three weeks ago." Of Juror Brayton I asked the question, "Did the jury, in making up its verdict, reach the conclusion that there was co-operation between the defendants and the man who threw the bomb?" "It was agreed by all the jurors," he replied, "that the instructions of the court were such that it was not necessary for us to decide whether there was or was not actual collusion between the defendants and the thrower of the bomb."

In the trial several witnesses were brought in by the state to prove that Spies and Schwab had met in the alley near the Haymarket and there handled a bomb and talked about it. This was just before the tragedy. The state made a vigorous effort to establish this proposition, as it did to prove its claim that Sam Fielden, who was speaking on the wagon at the Haymarket when the police approached on that fateful night, repeatedly fired his revolver at the officers. Yet it was for Schwab and Fielden that the judge who tried the case, and the state's attorney who prosecuted it, joined in a recommendation to the governor for mercy—a recommendation which saved their necks from the gallows. If Schwab and Fielden, the only ones who were charged with the commission of any overt acts, did not merit hanging, the commission of an overt act must be deemed of little importance in the case.

Doubtless the general public believes that the men who were hanged were hanged because they threw the bomb or conspired with the man who did throw it to kill Degan, the policeman named in the indictment. That certainly has been the public belief here in Chicago, where the case is better understood than anywhere else. But nothing could be better settled than that the men were hanged for generally advising the use of violence, especially violence toward the police, rather than for the commission of violence itself. It is at the same time clear that they did not expressly conspire with the men who threw the bomb to kill Degan or anybody else. That which brought them to the gallows was an ill defined purpose to do something desperate to defend themselves against what they believed to be the brutality of the police. It is well to remark here that there has existed for many years in the minds of the working people of Chicago a deep seated prejudice against the police. This prejudice has been particularly strong in the minds of the Germans, and it did not arise without fault on the part of the police. In the year 1877 a squad of police brutally attacked a peaceful meeting of German citizens in one of the Turner halls, cracking the heads of inoffensive men with their clubs, and beating several well nigh fatally. The indignation of the Germans of Chicago ran so high over this outrage that armed clubs were organized to protect themselves against future assaults of a similar sort. These armed clubs were the beginnings of the Anarchistic organizations in this city. Again, two or three years ago, the conduct of the police in the street car strike was such as to rouse great indignation on the part of the whole people, and the press was filled with complaints and protests. The meeting at the Haymarket was called for a similar purpose. At McCormick's factory, a day or two before, the police had assaulted a crowd of workmen, injuring several, and it was to protest against this that the meeting was called at the Haymarket. The famous "Revenge" circular was for revenge upon the police for their alleged inhumanity. That was a lawful meeting. There can be no doubt about that. The highest civil officer of the community, the mayor, was there in person, and after listening to the speeches and watching the crowd for an hour or more he rode to the police station near by and told the officer in charge, Inspector Bonfield, that the meeting was peaceable and that he might as well send his reserve men home; that there would be no trouble.

Now these are not new facts, nor am I endeavoring to defend the Anarchists, nor yet to claim that they were guiltless. I merely desire to clear up some of the mists that have gathered in the public mind concerning this celebrated case. To get at a proper estimate of the Haymarket tragedy I think one should take full cognizance of this antipathy of the laboring classes for the police. It was the real cause of the trouble. "Curse the brutal police," yelled the excited men, brooding over the ills of the poor, and regarding the constabulary as the representatives of the capitalists whom they believed to be robbing the toilers of their just dues; "Curse the police, and if the blue coats attack us we will fight for our rights. Let us have revenge!" That was the spirit which animated the Anarchists, or at least those of them who were not in the business simply for the living they could make out of it. That was wrong. It was unlawful to plan resistance to the lawful authorities. Even if the police are brutal, a man should not arrogate to himself the right to kill them when they approach him and ask him to move on—no matter if he is standing on the public highway, where he has a right to stand, and deporting himself in a manner inoffensive to the public. A bullet or a bomb is no fit answer to a command that springs from authority, however rash and excessive. At the same time the reader who wishes to arrive at a clear understanding of the tragedy should bear in mind the fact that bombs were made as much on account of hate of the police as in pursuance of plans to effect a social revolution. It should also be remembered that the men who most hated the police and most desired revenge were Germans, while a great majority of the police were Irishmen.

It is true that there were men who sincerely desired a social revolution. There were men who desired to accomplish revolution by force. I believe, from my investigations of the case, and from confidential talks with attorneys of the men who were executed, that the Haymarket bomb was not thrown as a part of the plan for a revolution, but that it was thrown by an individual unknown to the men who were hanged, acting on his own responsibility, individually and alone, and that the act was contrary to their wishes and harmful to their plans. Believing that, I cannot see that the men now dead at the law's hand were guilty of the murder of Policeman Degan. But, fortunately, there is another view of the case. I believe quite as firmly that the executed men, or rather some of them, for there were degrees of guilt among them—and some of them were not in the conspiracy at all and should never have been hanged—some of the executed men were the victims of such hallucinations, the possessors of such illusions and the advocates of such plans that their commission of a crime like that of the Haymarket, which they did not commit, was merely a matter of time. And I see even in the Haymarket something to be thankful for. Had the climax not been reached in May, 1886, in the slaughter of seven men, it would certainly have come ere this, and perhaps in even more terrible form. Had that man Lingg lived and kept his liberty a year or so longer there would have been a tragedy beside which the Haymarket would seem inconsequential. A Haymarket would not have satisfied Lingg. True, he was almost alone, the one man of knowledge and nerve and beerless passion and enduring hate enough to make him dangerous, but in a year or so, or in a few months, there would have been a score of Linggs and perhaps a score of slaughters in as many different parts of the city.

I know absolutely, and do not base my information on any of the evidence offered in the trial, for that trial was full of perjured testimony, that a conspiracy of ominous scope and wicked purpose existed among the Anarchists of this city. One at least of the men who died in Cook county jail was in that conspiracy, while half a dozen other men, in it quite as deep, are now walking the streets of Chicago free men. But that conspiracy was far from ripe. It had assumed but vague and indefinable form, and consisted principally of a dozen or two earnest but not bloodthirsty men, a lot of beer guzzling blowhards, and Louis Lingg, bomb maker. Perhaps a year would have been required to perfect it. The bomb of the Haymarket was not a part of it.

After all society has been very fortunate in the whole matter. Anarchy has been throttled in Chicago—and State's Attorney Grinnell says the conviction of Most in New York is the end of Anarchy in America—and though perhaps none of the executed men had actually committed murder, most of them were in a way of thinking, had adopted methods and become possessed of illusions which sooner or later would have led them to the commission of a terrible crime. It is not private justice to hang a man for the crime he has not committed but may commit, but in some cases it is public policy.

As for the future, I see nothing to cause alarm or misgivings. There are Anarchists in Chicago, but they are not organized, and dare not organize. They are merely Anarchists in theory. Tens of thousands of workingmen, and many thousands who are not workingmen, as the term is used, believe the hanging was an extreme and savage measure, and a cruel injustice to individuals. But they are not going to stop work or go to rioting because of their belief. Spies, Engel, Fischer and Parsons felt that they were being offered in sacrifice to public passion and hate, and believed they were martyrs whose blood would be the seed of a church of retribution. Spies and his companions were sadly mistaken. Their fate is regretted by thousands, but not even a handful talks of revenge. WALTER WELLMAN.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 1887.
BENJAMIN F. ROSS, Executor.
J. C. HOSTETTER, Attorney.
dec17-d3w

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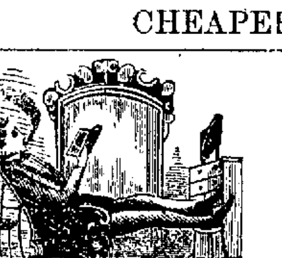

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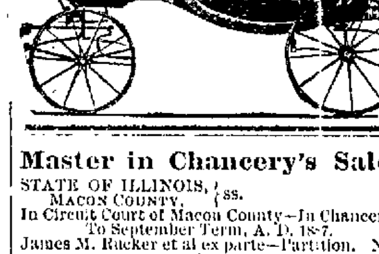

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In Circuit Court of Macon County—In Chancery. To September Term, A. D. 1887.

James M. Rucker et al ex parte—Partition. No. 12,954.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree entered at the September Term, A. D. 1887, by the said Court in the above entitled cause, I, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery of said Macon County, Illinois, will at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on *Monday, the 26th day of December, A. D. 1887,* at the west outside door of the Court House in the city of Decatur in said Macon county, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, lying and being in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, to-wit: The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 9, appraised at $1800.00; the west ten and one-half (10½) acres off the north twenty (20) acres of the east half of the southwest quarter of section nine (9), appraised at $400.00; the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section fifteen (15), and the north half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of said section fifteen (15), appraised at $2700.00, all in township 16, range 3 east of the third principal meridian.

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Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 28th day of November, A. D. 1887.
JOHN A. BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon Co., Ill.
OUTTEN & VAIL, Solicitors for Complainants.
nov29-d4w

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In Circuit Court of Macon County—In Chancery. To June Term A. D. 1887.

Joseph Mills, Surviving Partner, &c., vs. James Jackson, et al—Mechanic's Lein. No. 12,703.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree entered at the June Term, A. D. 1887, by the said Court, in the above entitled cause, I, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery of said Macon County, Illinois, will at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on *Saturday, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1887,* at the west outside door of the Court House in Decatur, in said Macon county sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate, lying and being in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, to-wit: Lot eleven (11) in block three (3) of B. H. Cassell's 6th Addition to the City of Decatur, Ill.

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Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1887.
JOHN A. BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon County, Illinois.
CREA & EWING, Complainant's Solicitors.
Dec10-d3wks

Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY. } ss

In Circuit Court of Macon County—In Chancery. To September Term, A. D. 1887.

Edwin G. Allen vs. Elizabeth Mueller et al—Foreclosure. No. 12,901.

Public notice is hereby given, that, in pursuance of a decree entered at the September Term, A. D. 1887, by the said court, in the above entitled cause, I, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery for said Macon county, Illinois, will, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, on *Friday, the 6th day of January, A. D. 1888,* at the west door of the Court House in the city of Decatur, in said Macon county, sell, at public vendue, to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate, lying and being in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, to-wit: Lot one (1) of the east half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-three (23), in township sixteen (16), North Range two (2) east of the 3d P. M., containing two and one-half acres more or less.

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Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1887.
JOHN A. BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon county, Ill.
MILLS BROS., Complainant's Solicitors.
Dec8-d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of William H. Churchman, Deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the estate of William H. Churchman, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 13th day of December, 1887.
M. EINSTEIN, Administrator.
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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In Circuit Court of Macon County—In Chancery. To September Term, A. D. 1887. No. 12,903.

Lucien L. Burrows et al vs. George E. Priest et al—Foreclosure.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree entered at the September Term, A. D. 1887, by the said Court, in the above entitled cause, I, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery of said Macon county, Illinois, will, at the [illegible] of two o'clock in the afternoon on *Monday, the 26th Day of December, A. D. 1887,* at the west outside door of the Court House in Decatur, in said Macon county, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate, lying and being in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, to-wit: Lot one (1) and the north half of lot four (4), all in block five (5) in Read & Co.'s Addition to the City of Decatur.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash, subject to redemption.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 29th day of November, A. D. 1887.
JOHN A. BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon county, Ill.
OUTTEN & VAIL, Complainants' Solicitors.
nov26-d5wd

Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY. } ss

In the Circuit Court of said County—To the January Term, A. D. 1888.

John K. Warren, as Administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Henry B. Durfee, deceased, petitioner, vs. Joseph Mills, Lucretia Durfee, Harry B. Durfee, Nellie Durfee, Frank Durfee, Maud Durfee, and Fred. Durfee, defendants—Petition for leave to [illegible] deed.

Public notice is hereby given to the above named Harry B. Durfee and Frank Durfee that the above named petitioner, John K. Warren, as Administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Henry B. Durfee, deceased, has heretofore filed his certain petition in the above entitled cause under and by virtue of the statute in said case made and provided, in this Court on the Chancery side thereof, against you and the other defendants therein and above named, for leave to convey to Joseph Mills, the assignee of John Zeller, lot three (3) in block four (4) of Durfee & King's Addition to the City of Decatur, and that a summons has been issued thereon against you returnable into this court on the first day of the next term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the city of Decatur, Illinois, and commencing on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1888, when and where said cause is pending.
E. McCLELLAN,
Clerk of Said Court.
CREA & EWING, Solicitors. nov2[illegible]

Attachment Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In the Circuit Court—To the January Term, A. D. 1888.

William M. Harsha vs. George W. Long.

Public notice is hereby given to the said defendant, George W. Long, that a writ of attachment issued out of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said Macon County, dated the [illegible] day of September, A. D. 1887, at suit of the above named plaintiff, William M. Harsha, and against the lands, goods, chattels, rights, moneys and effects of you, the said defendant, George W. Long, for the sum of ninety (90) dollars, directed to the Sheriff of said county of Macon to execute, which writ has been returned by him executed on certain real estate in said county of Macon.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said defendant, George W. Long, shall personally be and appear before the said Circuit Court of Macon County, on or before the first day of the next term thereof, to be held at the court house in said county, in the city of Decatur, beginning on the second Monday of the month of January, 1888, to-wit, on the 9th day of said month, give bail and plead to the said plaintiff's action, judgment will be entered against you and in favor of the said plaintiff, and so much of the lands attached as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment and costs will be sold to satisfy the same.
Decatur, Illinois, December 19, 1887.
E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
JOE R. BURRES, Attorney for Plaintiff.
dec19-d3w

Publication Notice in Chancery.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In the Circuit Court—To the January Term, A. D. 1888.

Mary C. Moreland versus John R. Moreland—In Chancery. Bill for Divorce. No. 12,9[illegible]

Notice is hereby given to you, the said John R. Moreland, respondent in the above entitled cause, that Mary C. Moreland, the complainant in the same, has hereto ore filed in said court on the chancery side thereof, her bill of complaint against you, the said respondent, for a divorce, and that a summons in chancery thereupon issued out of said court against you in said cause, returnable at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, on the first day of the next term of said court, to-wit, on the second Monday in the month of January, A. D. 1888, and that said suit is still pending in said court.
E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
WM. T. CUSSINS, Complainant's Solicitor.
nov29-d4w

I., D. & S. Holiday Rates.

December 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st, 1887, and January 1st and 2d, 1888, the I., D. & S. R'y will sell round trip excursion tickets from Decatur to points on its line of road at one fare for the round trip. Half excursion rates for children between five and twelve years of age. No rate less than twenty-five cents to any point for adults, and none less than fifteen cents for children. Tickets good going only on dates of sale. Good returning up to and including January 3d, 1888.
G. M. ABBOTT, Gen'l Ag't.

Holidays on the Wabash.

Tickets will be sold for the Holidays by the Wabash Railway at one fare for the round trip between all stations and will be on sale December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1st and 2d, good going only on date of sale and good to return up to and including January 3d, 1888.

ANYONE in search of a first-class cooking apparatus can find what they want in the "Home Comfort" Range sold by Morehouse, Wells & Co. One of the best housekeepers in the city says: "We did not know what home comfort was until we got a 'Home Comfort' range in the house." n30-tf

COMMENCING November 1st, 1887, the I. C. R. R. will sell 2,000 mile tickets at $40.00. These tickets will be limited to one year from date of issue. Unused portions will be redeemed after deducting 2 cents per mile for the portion used.

DEHAVEN, the decorator, is now prepared to furnish the fall styles of Wall Paper, in all grades, at prices lower than ever. Address or call at 535 West Eldorado street. sept14d&w

THE SPENCER & LEHMAN Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline Wagons. Nov. 9-d&wtf

Gents' Furnishing Goods,

Embracing Underwear, Scarfs Handkerchiefs, Half-hose, in the best goods, and at the lowest prices. LINN & SCRUGGS.
daw

THE SPENCER & LEHMAN Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline Wagons. Nov 9-d&wtf

THE Hercules white shirts are the best, and only one dollar. LINN & SCRUGGS.
daw

A SHIP with a fine line of Christmas presents can be seen at Cheap Charley's. d&wtf

NOVELTIES in Ladies' Felt Hats, at B. STINE'S.

EX-SENATOR Warren Miller will become a resident of New York after January 1.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The BEST SALVE in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or your money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by John A. Swearingen. a1

THE Terre Haute & Peoria holiday rates from Decatur, Ill., are as follows: To Kansas City and Omaha, Neb., at one fare for the round trip, good going Dec. 24th to 26th inclusive, 31st and Jan. 1st and 2d, good to return up to Jan. 3d. Train leaves Decatur at 12:20 p. m., arrives at Omaha at 6 a. m. next morning. For tickets call on T. Peniwell, City Ticket Ag't, at A. M. Ex. office. 21-d8

Dress Goods,

In French, German and American Novelties, very handsome and cheap, just received. LINN & SCRUGGS.
d&w

E. L. MARTIN can supply you with all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal by the ton or carload as cheap as any place in the city. n30-dtf

For the Christmas and New Year holidays the I. C. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to all stations north of Cairo, at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st, and on Jan. 1st and 2d. Good to return up to January 3d.

Beautiful Shawls,

In Fall and Winter weights, extremely handsome, and at low prices.
d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.

DAY BOARD $3.00 per week at Combs' Court House Restaurant—the best place in the city to board. Meals at all hours. No. 139 South Water St. n25-dtf

INMAN & LAWRENCE, at their restaurant, south side Lincoln Square, serve lunch, oysters and regular meals at low prices. No better place in town. Restaurant open all night. dec16-d&wtf

T. N. LEAVITT, of Maroa, has been appointed agent for the Pierce Well Augur for Macon and adjoining counties. The Pierce Augur was the one used at Decatur and Maroa. n17-dawtf

GO TO The Spencer & Lehman Co. for Wood Pumps, Chain Pumps and Iron Force Pumps. Nov 9-d&wtf

THE people as a mass seldom make mistakes. This accounts for the large demand for Dr. Bigelow's Positive (cough) Cure. It has given such perfect satisfaction that some druggists offer an imitation on which they make a larger profit. Beware of both the imitation and the druggist, both will cheat you. The genuine is sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner and will promptly and safely cure coughs, colds, and all throat and lung diseases. Price 50c. b4

THE Hercules white shirts are the best and only one dollar. LINN & SCRUGGS.
d&w

WHITE VESTS for barkeepers at B. Stine's. dtf

WILLIAM AIKEN, of Columbus, S. C., has married Widow Watson. He is 103 and she 33.

Nature's Own True Laxative.

The delicious flavor and healthy properties of sound, ripe fruit are well known, and seeing the need of an agreeable and effective laxative, the California Fig Syrup Co. commenced a few years ago to manufacture a concentrated Syrup of Figs, which has given such general satisfaction that it is rapidly superseding the bitter drastic liver medicines and cathartics hitherto in use. If costive or bilious try it. For sale in 50 cents and $1.00 bottles by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an Incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottle free at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store. a5

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HENRY BROS. make the largest loaves of home made bread of any in the city. Bread delivered promptly anywhere it is desired. nov23-dtf

1500 New Cloaks and Wraps,

For ladies and children, in elegant styles and decidedly cheap, at
d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.

GOLD-HEADED Silk Umbrellas, the finest in the market, at B. Stine's. dtf

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